MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): How many fresh men have been appointed?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Two Petty Officers and four peons. The Inspector has not been appointed. The Trivandrum Range Inspector has been asked to supervise the work of the Petty Officer for the present.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 2,231 as supplementary grant on behalf of the Excise Department for the entertainment of staff for the Tobacco Bankshalls at Trivandrum and the Colachel Sea Customs.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

POLICE.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 5,121 under the following items:—

(i) the opening of two Police Out-posts, one at Karimanoor and the other at Arakulam in the Todupuzha Taluk—Rs. 1160.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I am not able to hear the member at all.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): My throat is very bad to-day and by to-morrow I think I will be all right.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I ask the President that some one who could speak louder be asked to move the demand?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I shall try to speak to the best of my voice. Since there is some defect in the throat and that is a matter which is beyond my control, I appeal to the House and the Chair to have the demand postponed to tomorrow, when I think I shall be able to speak much louder.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Could not somebody be asked to repeat all that is said by Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar?

PRESIDENT: You will try to adjust your voice as much as possible to be heard by the non-officials.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): The second item is:—

(ii) the provision of wooden stands for the traffic point-duty Constables in the Trivandrum Town—Rs. 800.

and the third is—

(iii) the purchase of a new Pilot Car for Rs. 3,161.

As regards the first item, this is a question which was moved by Mr. John Kattakayam in the year 1933. The matter was under correspondence for the last two years. The matter was referred to the local Police Officers and they have made a report after very careful investigation in the matter.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know the distance between Karimanoor and Arakulam?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): About 10 and 7 miles from the Todupuzha Station.

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In those localities, houses have multiplied. Population has become denser. There are no good roads for the people to have easy access to the Police in times of necessity. There are also villages 30 to 35 miles distant, in the interior, from the Todupuzha Station. For these and other reasons, the District Superintendent of Police strongly recommends the opening of these Out-posts.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): When was that necessity felt?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Just after the last budget session.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand then that there was no necessity for that until then?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Correspondence was going on for a period of two years. All the information obtained had to be arranged properly and Government had to be convinced of the necessity for the Out-posts.

These are days of economic depression and the chances are for crimes to increase. My study of the situation is that crimes are on the increase every day. It has been my daily instruction to my men to be on the watch and rise equal to the occasion for crime prevention and detection. All that is possible is being done by my department. Precautionary measures necessary have to be taken and opening these Out-posts is, no doubt, one of such measures.

Regarding the provision of wooden stands for the traffic point-duty Constables in the Trivandrum Town I must say that I was trying *cadjan* umbrellas. They lasted only for 2 or 3 months. Then canvas umbrellas were tried. They lasted only for 4 to 6 months in the year and the expenditure was Rs. 120 for six months.

On referring the matter to the Workshops Engineer, he says that a wooden umbrella will stand for years, say for a period of ten years and its cost comes to about Rs. 50. There are about 16 important points in the Town to be guarded for traffic purposes. From the point of view of economy also, the present umbrellas are preferable. They give sufficient protection from extremes of heat and cold. And another thing is these wooden umbrellas can stand for a longer period of time than *eadjan* and canvas umbrellas. For all these reasons, *i. e.*, economy, utility and longevity, this is a very necessary item.

Regarding the third item, the present Pilot Car gets into disorder often. After careful examination by experts, it is seen that the present car may not last long. Every month we are obliged to go in for hired cars costing Government between Rs. 40 to Rs. 50. This is a waste.

In this connection, I had applied to Government for a grant of Rs. 6,000, but Government vetoed it by saying that it is a costly affair to experiment in these days of financial stringency. Now the expenditure asked for is only half the amount originally claimed and the purchase of that car is very necessary. The Pilot cannot function without a car and it is to serve His Highness the Maha Raja.

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I appeal to the House to sanction these amounts for the items referred to.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Though I did not hear the Commissioner, I think I have to oppose the second item and support items one and three. The introduction of wooden stands for the Traffic point-duty constable is a reform which stands to the credit of Mr. Bishop, one of our former Police Commissioners, who displayed an uncommon zeal for the reorganisation of the Traffic Section of the Police Department. The point-duty Constable with the wooden stand beneath him is a veritable nuisance to the public—both pedestrians and vehicles.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether the member has met with any accident due to this?

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Yes, I say this from my personal experience. I will be only happy to narrate my narrow escapes. Motor traffic in Trivandrum, Sir, has of late rapidly increased to bewildering dimensions, but the roads, especially at busy centres and junctions, remain as dangerously narrow as they were years ago when the traffic was not so heavy. The placing of these wooden stands is not only an obstacle to peaceful traffic but also contributes not a little to terrible and unavoidable accidents.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKER (*Shertala II*): May I know the number of accidents so happened?

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Personally, Sir, I drive my car myself and I am a more than commonly cautious and careful driver. Had it not been for the small size of my car, it would not have been possible for me to effect a narrow hair-breadth escape, at one of these junctions which was divided into two dangerous halves by these wooden stands. Instances also, Sir, are not rare when these point-duty constable and his wooden platform was so topsy-turvied by cars and other vehicles, despite the great caution taken by the drivers and the dexterity with which the constable on duty regulated the traffic. The much talked of protection afforded by the umbrellas fixed on these stands is no protection at all. It is but mere apology for a protection as is evident from the incessant departure of these constables from the stands to the sides of the road to take shelter under eaves of buildings. I would therefore suggest that a better shifting system between the hours of 11 and 3 at very near intervals be introduced. As these wooden stands turn out to be an impediment to peaceful traffic and considerably facilitate avoidable accidents, I am sure that by granting this demand we would be but sanctioning the continuance of a public nuisance. So, I am constrained to oppose this item of the demand.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Sir, I support all the three items of the demand. In doing so, I would draw the attention of the Commissioner of Police to the necessity of opening a number of Police Outposts in rural areas. I am very glad that two Police Outposts are sanctioned, one at Karimanur and the other at Arakulam,

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[Mr. K. M. Kuriakose].

There is real necessity for these Out-posts. These are two places where the administration of the Police is badly wanting. Similarly I can draw the attention of the Police Commissioner to some parts of the Muvattupuzha taluk where this necessity is felt. I do not exactly mention the names of all those places. One particular locality that I may mention is Ramangalam Pakuthi. From a reference to the number of cases in the Magistrates' Court at Muvattupuzha, I think the Commissioner will be convinced of the necessity of an Out-post there. Petitions for the opening of an Out-post there have been put to Government and now they are before the Police Commissioner.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyatitnkara II*): May I know whether the member is in order in making that reference?

PRESIDENT: Only a request.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): I was only pointing out one instance where the necessity is felt for the opening of an Outpost.

PRESIDENT: But let us try to dispose of the demand that is now before us before we proceed to the consideration of others.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): So I support all the three items of the demand.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 5,121 under three different sub-heads, namely, (1) the opening of two Police Out-posts, one at Karimanur and the other at Arakulam in Thodupuzha taluk Rs. 1,160.

(2) the provision of wooden stands for the traffic point duty constables in the Trivandrum Town—Rs. 800.

(3) the purchase of a new Pilot Car Rs. 3,161.

Is it the wish of the House that each item should be put separately or it should be put together?

(The wish that it should be put separately was expressed by the House)

Item No. 1 (the opening of two Police Outposts one at Karimanoor and the other at Arakulam in Todupuzha taluk—Rs. 1,160) was put to the vote of the House and carried.

Item No. 2 (the provision of wooden stands for the traffic point-duty constables in the Trivandrum Town—Rs. 800.) was put to the vote of the House and carried.

Item No. 3 (the purchase of a new Pilot Car—Rs. 3,161) was put to the vote of the House and carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,250 for continuing the anti-mosquito work at Alleppey.

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